(c) if not, what corrective steps Government propose to taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had carried out an inspection of the Head Office and four Regional Offices of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd. (Peerless) in the year 1988 with reference to the company's financial position as on 31-12-1987.

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The RBI has reported that its inspec-tion revealed that the company had not followed some of the provisions of the directions issued by the Bank in respect of the schemes introduced by the com-pany prior to the corrfmencement of the, directions. RBI has suitably advised the company. RBI has further reported that the Calcutta High Court has held that the RBI directions would have prospective effect. RBI has filed an appeal against the judgement and the matter is *sub- judice.*

Memorandum from a Union of Manganese Ore India Ltd.

3407. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated 10th August, 1990, has been received from Manganese Ore India Limited Kamgar Samyukta Morcha, Nagpur;

(b) if so, the demands contained in the memorandum;

(c) whether it is a fact that the manage- j ment of Manganese Ore India Limited, Nagpur has arrived at an wage agreement with one "Rashtriya Manganese Mazdoor; Sangh" on 14th February, 1990, ignoring | the above mentioned Samyukhta Morcha' which commands the support of the majo- rity of the workers; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering annuling the said agreement and to arrive at a fresh agreement that would involve the representatives of majority of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands include revocation of the wage agreement signed by the management with Rashtriya Manganese Mazdoor Sangh on 14-2-90; wages in line with other public sector companies; validity of the agreement should be from 1-4-1987 to 31-3-1991 instead of from 1-1-1989 to 31-7-1992; discontinuance of piece rated wage system etc.

(c) The Wage agreement was signed on 14-2-1990 between the management and the Rashtriya Manganese Mazdoor Sangh, a majority Union, recognised in Manganese Ore India Ltd.

(d) No, Sir.

Opening of a branch of SBI in Anara District Purulia, West Bengal

3408. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a joint appeal from Railway officers, Railway employees, Railway pensioners, doctors, teachers, businessmen of railway market of Anara, Distt. Purulia, West Bengal, for opening of a branch of State Bank of India has been received;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the appeal favourably;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing Grameen Bank at Anara is not transacting such items as drawing of pay, pension, making out of drafts, collection of crossed cheques, money transfer, Locker facilities etc.;

(d) whether Government propose to allow the Grameen Bank, Anara to perform the above jobs till a decision is taken to open a branch of the State Bank of India at Anara; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) A joint appeal has recently been received from Railway Employees

and others based at Anara, District Purulia, West Bengal for opening a branch of a public sector bank at the centre.

(b) The application will be examined by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the ensuing Branch Licensing Policy which is being finalised by them. However, the centre Anara is presently served by a branch of the Mallabhum Gramin Bank.

(c) to (e) Regional Rural Banks are permitted to undertake transactions relating to drawing of pay, making of drafts, collection of cheques, etc., except locker facility, and the separate or special permission of the Government of India is not necessary. The Anara Branch of the Mallabhum Gramin Bank can undertake these facilities subject to their administrative convenience.

Removal of discrimination in respect of special duty allowance

3409. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERIEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation of Central Government employees of North Eastern Region, Shillong met him on 17th August, 1990 in conection with removal of discrimination in respect of grant of Special Duty Allowance being granted to certain categories of employees of Central Government working in N.E. Region; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the discrimination and to rationalise the scheme of Special Duty Allowance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTB.I) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special (Duty) Allowance has been granted as an incentive for attracting and retaining the services of competent officer's having all India transfer liability, on posting in North Eastern Region. However, over the years due to various reasons including Court judgements, it has een extended to some other categories of Central Government employees who were not initially intended to be covered under the scheme. The scheme is being reviewed to ensure that the benefit of Special (Duty) Allowance is given to only those categories for whom it was intended.

Payment of dues to the retired employees of State Bank of Indore branches in Delhi

3410. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of clerks typists Head clerks whose services were terminated or who voluntarily retired during November, 1987 to June, 1988 in the State Bank of Indore branches of Delhi, who have not been paid their Provident fund/gratuity dues despite a lapse of more than three years after their retirement/termination;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in payment of such dues; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure payment of their dues without further delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE j MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the J Table of the House to the extent available and feasible.

Man Power Planning, Trailing and Development Division in ITDC

3411. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any 'man-power | planning, training and development division in ITDC;

(b) if so, what has been its annual manpower forecasting/planning, placement and developmental activities during sixth and seventh plan periods upto December, 1989 and the amount spent on each of these activities during the said period; and

(c) what is the number of executives and non-executives categorywise and unit/ divisionwise who have been recruited/ selected, trained and placed against the permanent sanctioned prists in different units/divisions of ITDC during the above period and as based on the ITDC's Manpower Planning/forecasting ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) to